



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR  
OPERATORS OF  
STATIONARY EMERGENCY DIESEL ENGINES**

In April 2004, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board revised APCD Rule 23, Exemptions from Permit. The revisions to Rule 23 removed a permit exemption for diesel engines used in emergencies. As a result, most diesel engines must now have a Permit to Operate from the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District. This action was taken for two reasons. First, to gather information on the inventory of emergency diesel engines in Ventura County. Second, to help implement the California Air Resources Board's Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines.

Therefore, if you own or operate a stationary diesel engine, rated at 50 brake horsepower or greater, you may be required to have a Permit to Operate from the Ventura County APCD.

- Engines operated as back up for maintenance or failure of primary engines require an APCD Permit.
- Portable diesel engines used for emergency purposes will remain exempt. However, certain portable engines that operate routinely at one or more specific sites for extended periods may also require an APCD Permit.
- Spark-ignited emergency engines (such as natural gas or propane-fired engines) and any engine rated at less than 50 brake horsepower continue to be exempt from permit.

Permit application forms (cover form and supplementary forms) may be obtained from the District's website at [www.vcapcd.org/permits.htm](http://www.vcapcd.org/permits.htm).

If you have any questions about the permit requirements for diesel engines, or need assistance with permit applications and the permit process, contact the APCD Engineering Division, at 805/645-1401.

Please Note: The Ventura County APCD has begun taking enforcement action against operators of unpermitted diesel engines. Monetary penalties of up to \$10,000 for each unpermitted engine may be assessed.

Information on the Air Resources Board's Diesel Risk Reduction Program and associated ATCMs can be obtained from ARB's website at [www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/dieselrrp.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/dieselrrp.htm).